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Santa Fe Springs Man Convicted of Child Sex Abuse

A 34-year-old man was convicted yesterday of sexually molesting a young girl at his mother's daycare center in 2005, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Monday's court appearance, defendant Robert Andres Martinez (dob 11/11/81) of Santa Fe Springs pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case VA140909: forcible lewd act upon a child and lewd act upon a child.

Sentencing for Martinez is scheduled for July 6 in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. He is expected to be sentenced to 10 years in state prison. Additionally, he will have to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Brianna Peden of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said in 2005 Martinez's mother operated a daycare center out of her Santa Fe Springs home.

In the afternoons, the children would have naptime in the living room, the prosecutor said. It was during naptime that Martinez lured one of the children, a 5-year-old girl, into his bedroom and sexually abused her, the prosecutor added.

The young girl did not tell anyone about the abuse for 10 years, according to the prosecutor. The victim, who is now in high school, recently revealed to her mother about the molestation, which prompted the parent to call authorities and report the sexual abuse, the prosecutor said.

Martinez was subsequently charged on Jan. 5, 2016.

The case was investigated by the Whittier Police Department.

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